CATO TOWNSHIP

MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN 59-1040 AUDIT REPORT

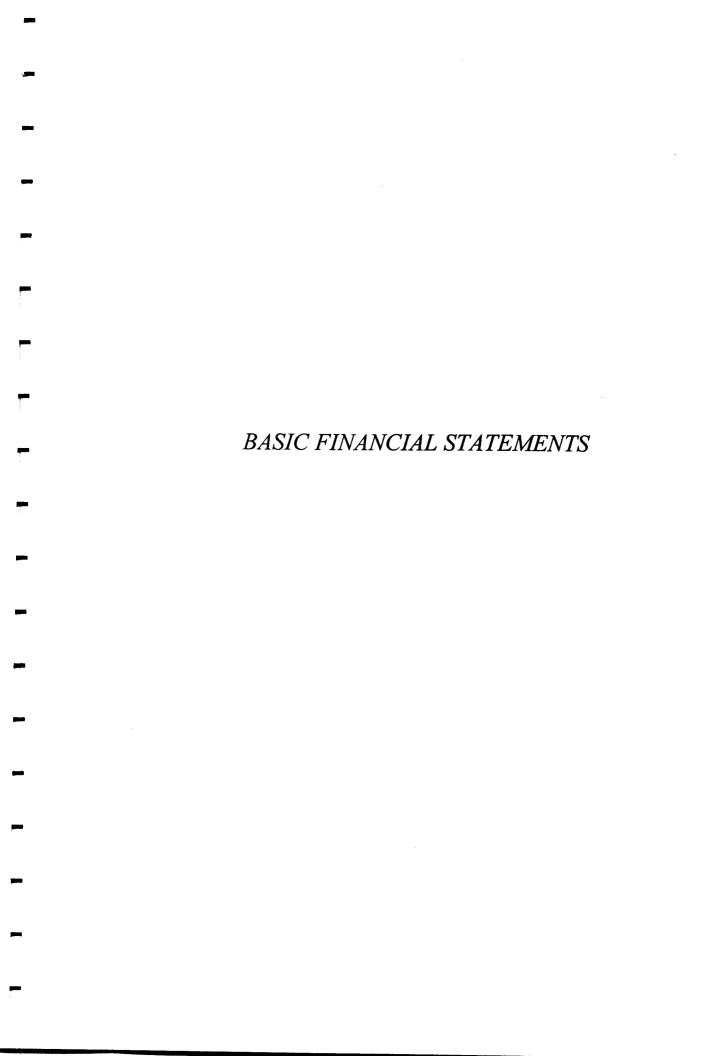
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Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

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Audit Date	Opinion Date	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ant Report Submitted to Stat	te.	MONTCALM
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accordance with the	financial statements of this Statements of the Governmor Counties and Local Units	nental Accounting Stand	ards Roard (GASR)	and the <i>Unife</i> partment of Tr	tauma militi State
 We have complied 	d with the <i>Bulletin for the Aud</i>	lits of Local Units of Gove	rnment in Michigan as	revised.	
	ublic accountants registered		J		IT & FINANCE DIV.
We further affirm the fo comments and recomments	ollowing. "Yes" responses ha nendations	ve been disclosed in the	financial statements, i	ncluding the n	otes, or in the report of
You must check the app	plicable box for each item be	low.			
	Certain component units/fu		unit are excluded from	m the financial	I statements.
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Yes No 3.	There are instances of no amended).	on-compliance with the L	Iniform Accounting ar	nd Budgeting	Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as
∏Yes √ No 4.	The local unit has violated requirements, or an order is	d the conditions of eitherssued under the Emerger	er an order issued ur cy Municipal Loan Ac	nder the Muni	icipal Finance Act or its
Yes No 5.	The local unit holds depos as amended [MCL 129.91],	its/investments which do or P.A. 55 of 1982, as ar	not comply with stat nended [MCL 38.1132	utory requirer 2]).	ments. (P.A. 20 of 1943,
Yes No 6.	The local unit has been deli	nquent in distributing tax	revenues that were co	ollected for and	other taxing unit.
Yes No 7.	The local unit has violated pension benefits (normal concredits are more than the normal control to the control	osis) in the current year.	If the plan is more th	an 100% fund	ded and the evertimetime
Yes No 8.	The local unit uses credit (MCL 129.241).	cards and has not adop	ted an applicable pol	icy as require	ed by P.A. 266 of 1995
Yes No 9.	The local unit has not adopte	ed an investment policy a	s required by P.A. 196	3 of 1997 (MC	L 129.95).
We have enclosed the	following:		Enclose	To l	
The letter of comments a	and recommendations.			Su Polwa	arded Required
Reports on individual fed	deral financial assistance pro	grams (program audits).			
Single Audit Reports (AS	BLGU).				
Certified Public Accountant (Fin	m Name)				
Street Address	TERRY KIR		, PC		
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Accountant Signature		10	IG RAPIDS	M I Date	49307
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Township Board Cato Township, Montcalm County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cato Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise Cato Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Cato Township, Montcalm County, Michigan. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cato Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, as of June 30, 2004, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Township of Cato has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments, as of June 30, 2004. However, management has elected not to present the Management's Discussion and Analysis portion of the financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cato Township, Montcalm County, Michigan basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Big Rapids, Michigan August 25, 2004

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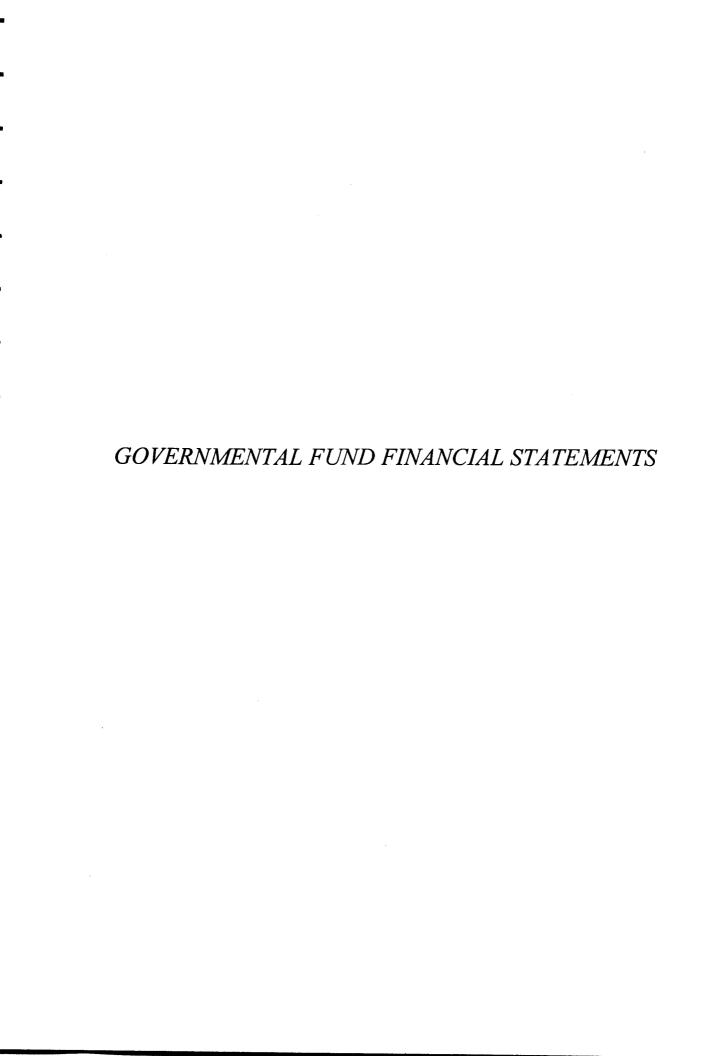
Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Government Wide Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2004

	 vernmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 244,384
Receivables - Other Governmental Units	38,093
Capital Assets (Net)	 40,700
Total assets	\$ 323,177
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,600
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	40,700
Unrestricted	280,877
Total net assets	 321,577
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 323,177

Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Government Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Fixed		Expenses	Program Revenues Charges for Services	Operating <u>Grants</u>	Ac Ac Net (I Revenue	Acitivites Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
General Government	69	118,292 \$	12,376 \$		\$	(105,916)
		53,485	56,710		0	3,225
		124,887	0		0	(124,887)
		8,071	0		0	(8,071)
Depreciation (unallocated)		1,700	0		0	(1,700)
Total primary government	S	306,435 \$	\$ 980'69		\$	(237.349)

Taxes Property tax, levied for general operations State revenue sharing, unrestricted Interest earnings Other Total general revenues Change in Net Assets Net assets - Beginning of year Net assets - End of year State revenue 67,881 5,825 524,995 724,158 834,768 Net assets - End of year State revenue 67,881 84,768 85,825 86,825 86,825 86,826 86,826 86,827 87,877	General Revenues	
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aring, unrestricted al revenues sets nning of year of year \$\$	Property tax, levied for general operations	67.881
al revenues sets nning of year of year	State revenue sharing, unrestricted	125.457
venues	Interest earnings	5,825
venues	Other	24,995
ng of year	Total general revenues	224,158
f year	Change in Net Assets	(13.191)
\$	Net assets - Beginning of year	334,768
	Net assets - End of year	\$ 321,577



Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Governmental Fund Balance Sheet June 30, 2004

jor Total ental Governmental <u>Funds</u>	22,598 \$ 244,384 326 1,843 5,910 38,072	\$	0 \$ 0	0 1,822	28,834 280,877	28.834 \$ 284.299
Non-Major Governmenta <u>Fund</u>	₩.	8	69			€
Fire Millage <u>Fund</u>	37,006 0 5,218	42,224 \$	0	1,496	40,728	\$ 40004
General <u>Fund</u>	184,780 \$ 1,517 26,944	213,241 \$	1,600 \$	326	211,315	213.241 \$
	↔	\$	∽			€9
	ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Other Funds Receivable from Other Governments	Total assets	LIABILITES AND FUND EQUITY Accounts Payable	Due to Other Funds	Fund Balance - Unreserved and Undesignated	Total liabilities and fund equity

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets

Total Governmental Fund Balances	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	statement of net assets are different because:	capital assets used in governmental activities are not	financial resources, and are not reported in the funds.	Cost of capital assets, net of depreciation	

280,877

40,700

321,577

Net assets of governmental activities

Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Governmental Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

REVENUES		General <u>Fund</u>	Fire Millage <u>Fund</u>	Non-Major Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Government <u>Funds</u>
Property Tax	€ 3	67,881 \$	\$6,710 \$	\$ 0	124,591
Licenses and Permits		2,856	0 (0 (2,856
State Grants Charges for Services		125,45/ 9 520	o c	0 0	125,457
Interest and Rents		5,606	120	ê 66	5,825
Other Revenue		1,355	0	23,640	24,995
Total revenues		212,675	56,830	23,739	293,244
EXPENDITURES					
General Government		116,026	0	2,266	118,292
Public Safety		7,025	46,460	0	53,485
Public Works		105,384	0	19,503	124,887
Other Functions		8,071	0	0	8,071
Total expenditures		236,506	46,460	21,769	304,735
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(23,831)	10,370	1,970	(11,491)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2003		235,146	30,358	26,864	292,368
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004	8	211,315 \$	40,728 \$	28,834 \$	280,877

Cato Township - Montcalm County, Michigan

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Government Funds

\$ (11,491)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation

Depreciation expense

(1,700)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

\$ (13,191)

Cato Township – Montcalm County, Michigan

Fiduciary Fund Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2004

	Agency Fund Type Property Tax Collection Fund				
ASSETS	đr.	014			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	814			
LIABILITIES					
Due to Other Governmental Units	\$	793			
Due to General Fund		21			
Total liabilities	\$	814			

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Cato Township conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by Cato Township:

Reporting Entity

The Township is governed by an elected, five-member, Board. The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units; entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Based on the application of the criteria, the Township does not contain any component units.

Government - Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenue includes: (1a) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

District-Wide Statements - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Fund Based Statements - Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be "available" if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes – Cato Township's property tax is levied on each December 1st on the taxable valuation of property located within Cato Township as of the preceding December 31st.

Cato Township - Montcalm County, Michigan

Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Although the Cato Township 2003 ad valorem tax is levied and collectible on December 1, 2003, it is Cato Township's policy to recognize revenue from the current tax levy in the current year when the proceeds of this levy are budgeted and made "available" for the financing of operations.

The 2003 taxable valuation of Cato Township totaled approximately \$57,800,000, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of .8124 mills for the Township operating purposes and an additional .9737 mills for fire protection. These amounts are recognized in the respective General and Special Revenue Fund financial statements as Due from Montcalm County and/or as a tax revenue.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted-for in another fund.

The Fire Millage Fund is used to record property tax and interest for expenditures to the Lakeview District Fire Department for fire protection.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund types:

The Township reports a Fiduciary Fund (Agency Fund). This fund accounts for taxes and special assessments collected by the Township as an agent for other taxing units. Fiduciary Fund net assets and results of operations are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

The Township reports a non-major special revenue fund for a special assessment district known as Honeymoon Heights, which provides care for roads and street lighting for its district.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

Deposits and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are state at fair value.

Receivables and Payables — In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds. Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds".

All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes are levied on each December 1st and are considered delinquent on March 1st of the following year, at which time interest and penalties are assessed.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment assets are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of the donation.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Building

50 years

Fund Equity – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information – Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental units. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The budget document presents information by fund, function, activity and line items. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the activity level. State law requires the Township have its budget in place by July 1st. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted is a violation of Michigan Law. State law permits a township to amend its budgets during the year. There were no significant amendments during the year.

NOTE C - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the local governmental unit to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations, which have an office in Michigan. The Township is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township has designated one bank for the deposit of Township Funds. The investment policy adopted by the Township Board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bank accounts and certificates of deposit, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investment policy are in accordance with statutory authority.

At year-end, the Township's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

Governmental Activities

Cash and cash equivalents

\$ 244,384

The bank balance of the primary government's deposits is \$247,039.56, of which \$157,812.94 is covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE D - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the government's individual major and non-major funds are as follows:

	C	General	Fire	Millage	No	n-Major	Total
Taxes receivable	\$	6,167	\$	5,218	\$	0	\$ 11,385
Special assessments		0	•	0		5,910	5,910
State revenue sharing		20,777		0		0	 20,777
Total receivable	\$	26,944	\$	5,218	\$	5,910	\$ 38,072

NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the governmental activities for the current year was as follows:

	eginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being Depreciated Land	\$ 5,000	0	0	\$ 5,000
Capital assets being depreciated Buildings	85,000	0	0	85,000
Less Accumulate depreciation for Buildings	(47,600)	(1,700)	0	(49,300)
Net capital assets	\$ 42,400 \$	(1,700) \$	0	\$ 40,700

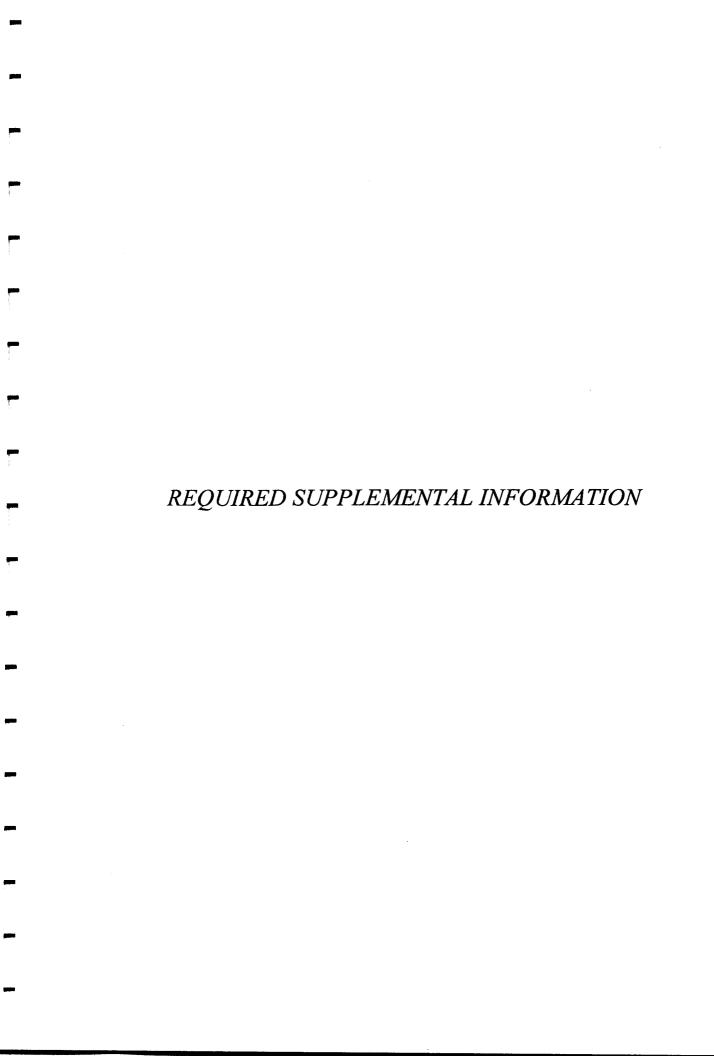
Depreciation expense was not charged to activities as the Township considers its assets to impact multiple activities and allocation is not practical.

NOTE G - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES and PAYABLES

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General	Fire Millage Agency	\$ 1,496 21
Non – Major	General	326

NOTE H - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased workers' compensation insurance for such claims. Settled claims relating to the workers' compensation insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

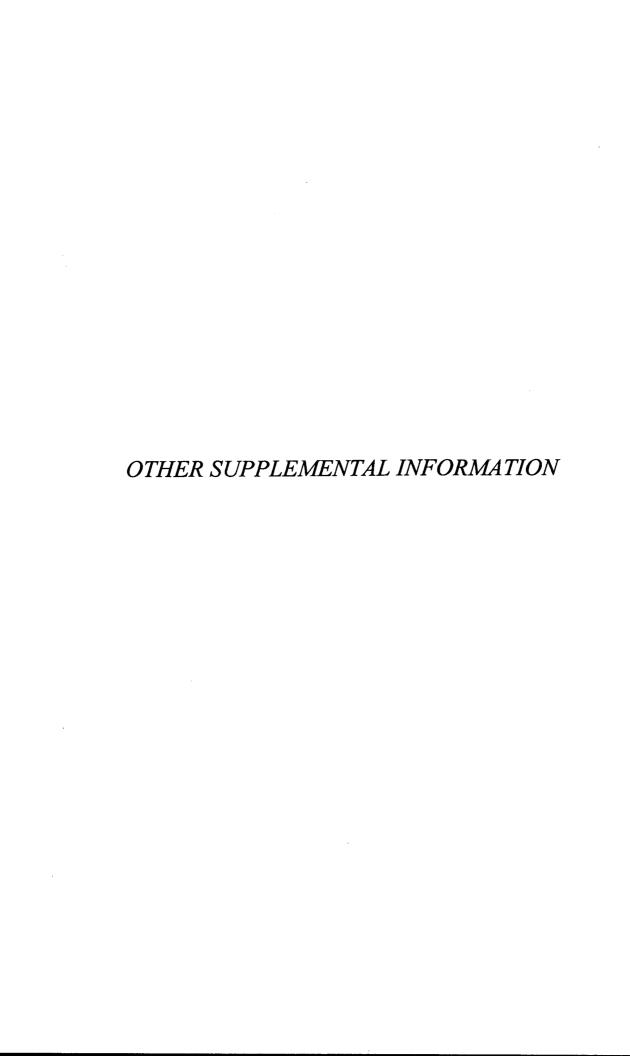


Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Original <u>Budget</u>		1	Amended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)		
REVENUES								
Property Tax	\$	66,000	\$	66,000	\$ 67,881	\$ 1,881		
Licenses and Permits		1,600		1,600	2,856	1,256		
State Grants		120,350		120,350	125,457	5,107		
Charges for Services		1,600		1,600	9,520	7,920		
Interest and Rents		11,800		11,800	5,606	(6,194)		
Other Revenue		200		200	1,355	1,155		
Total revenues		201,550		201,550	212,675	11,125		
EXPENDITURES								
General Government								
Township board		72,900		72,900	28,743	44,157		
Supervisor		8,100		8,100	8,445	(345)		
Elections		12,400		12,400	496	11,904		
Assessor		21,700		21,700	19,814	1,886		
Clerk		22,700		22,700	17,692	5,008		
Board of review		2,100		2,100	885	1,215		
Treasurer		25,500		25,500	22,334	3,166		
Townhall		17,700		17,700	13,493	4,207		
Cemetery		8,300		8,300	4,124	4,176		
Public Safety								
Liquor law enforcement		500		500	384	116		
Planning and zoning		7,900		7,900	6,641	1,259		
Public Works								
Highways, streets & bridges		114,000		114,000	103,900	10,100		
Drains - public benefit		1,500		1,500	1,484	16		
Other Functions								
Social security/ medicare tax		6,400		6,400	4,432	1,968		
DDA tax rebate		0		0	3,639	(3,639)		
Total expenditures		321,700		321,700	236,506	85,194		
Net changes in fund balance		(120,150)		(120,510)	(23,831)	96,319		
Budgetary Fund Balance - July 1, 2003		235,146		235,146	 235,146	0		
Budgetary Fund Balance - June 30, 2004	\$	114,996	\$_	114,996	\$ 211,315	\$ 96,319		

Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule Fire Millage Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Original <u>Budget</u>		Amended Budget		<u>Actual</u>		Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)	
REVENUES								
Property Tax	\$	34,000	\$	34,000	\$	56,710	\$	22,710
Interest and Rents		0		0		120		120
Total revenues		34,000		34,000		56,830		22,830
EXPENDITURES Public Safety								
Fire protection		48,000		48,000		46,460		1,540
Net change in fund balance		(14,000)		(14,000)		10,370		24,370
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE - July 1, 2003		30,358		30,358		30,358		0
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE - June 30, 2004	<u>\$</u>	16,358	\$	16,358	\$	40,728	\$	24,370



Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Combining Balance Sheet Non-Major Governmental Funds June 30, 2004

	Special Revenue Funds Honeymoon Heights			
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 22,598	8		
Due from General Fund	326	6		
Due from Belvidere Township	450	0		
Due from Montcalm County	5,460	0		
Total assets	\$ 28.834	<u>4</u>		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Fund Balance				
Unreserved and undesignated	\$ 28,834	4		

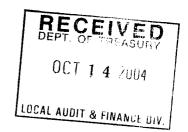
Cato Township — Montcalm County, Michigan Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Non-Major Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Special Revenue Funds Honeymoon Heights			
REVENUES				
Interest and Rents	\$	99		
Other Revenue		23,640		
Total revenues		23,739		
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government		2,266		
Public works		19,503		
Total expenditures		21,769		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		1,970		
FUND BALANCE - July 1, 2003		26,864		
FUND BALANCE - June 30, 2004	\$	28,834		

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Members of the Township Board Cato Township Montcalm County, Michigan

We have recently completed our audit of the general purpose financial statements of Cato Township for its year ended June 30, 2004. During this audit, we had an opportunity to observe accounting and financial procedures and many of your general management practices. As a result of our auditing procedures, there are some comments we want to present.

FINANCIAL RECORDS IN GOOD SHAPE

The Clerk and Treasurer have done a good job maintaining the financial records of Cato Township. Keep up the good work.

OTHER MATTERS

We want to thank your personnel for the courtesy and cooperation shown us by them during our audit.

You must mail two copies of the audit report and this letter to the Michigan Department of Treasury. A pre-addressed envelope has been provided for your convenience. If you have any questions regarding the above or the audit, please contact us.

August 25, 2004

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